



**CITY OF MORGAN HILL**

**17555 PEAK AVENUE MORGAN HILL CALIFORNIA 95037**

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**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 18, 2004**

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**MORGAN HILL CIVIC CENTER**

CITY HALL  
17555 Peak Ave.  
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Chair	Mark Frederick
Vice-Chair	
Commission Member	Laura Hagiperos
Commission Member	Don Jensen
Commission Member	Marilyn Librers
Commission Member	
Commission Member	Craig C. van Keulen
Commission Member	Tom Madalena
Commission Member	Jeff Bernardini
School Board Liaison	Amina Khemici
City Council Liaison	Hedy Chang

**LIAISON**

BTAC  
Parks  
Seniors  
Arts/Downtown  
YAC/Endowment  
Recreation Center  
Youth Sports/Rec Center

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**7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

Introductions of new Commissioners

Absent: Commissioners Librers, van Keulen, Hagiperos  
Liaisons: Khemici, Chang

**DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA**

Per Government Code 54954.2

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Commissioner Madalena

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## REPORTS

## A. PARKS

Deputy Director Mori Struve

## Oral Reports

## Paradise Park Play Equipment Replacement Project

Bid opening June 3 – Council award June 16 – Construction August-September due to lead time for play equipment ordering; Morgan Hill Rotary is assisting with the project.

### Community Park: drainage and safety fencing follow-up

## Jackson Park: Drinking fountain repaired

## B. RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Manager Julie Spier

- i. Art ala Carte report
- ii. Aquatics Center progress
- iii. Sobrato Soccer Site update

### C. Sports Complex Sub-Committee Report

Commissioner van Keulen

1. Meeting of May 13, 2004

## BUSINESS

## 1. APPOINTMENT OF 4 MEMBERS TO THE BICYCLE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Recommended Action:** Conduct interviews and appoint four members to the BTAC for a two-year term.

Appointed: Alan Clark, Chris Hauge, Mark Hubbell, Carl McCann per motion by Chair Frederick, seconded by Commissioner Bernardini, approved 4:0.

## 2. PARKS ; RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES OPERATING BUDGETS

**Recommended Action:** Receive presentation from staff on the proposed operating budgets for Parks; Recreation & Community Services; provide comments for Council consideration.

**Parks Budget:** Deputy Director Struve passed out park maps to demonstrate the impact of budget cuts at each site in relation to areas being changed out from turf to chip. This will result in less mowing and watering costs. Areas targeted are access areas that are not typically high user choices.

7:45 pm Brief recess to Council action.

7:46 pm Council adjourned, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting resumed.

Commissioner Jensen asked that savings now be considered in the long-term impact to the projects. He suggested that smart design may avoid some cuts and to consider funding some upgrades that apply lower maintenance costs over the long-term.

Chair Frederick inquired if staffing is back up to previous levels? Deputy Director Struve replied that structurally the City will not be adding back staff but rather focusing on operational changes within the current staffing levels. Staff is working on providing walk able areas without turfing. Combining recycling efforts through chipping areas is a practical option.

Commissioner Bernardini asked if sports organizations can be required to maintain fields instead of paying for field use? It is something that will require further exploration but will require formalizing the process, insurance coverage and possible mitigation of community needs.

Recreation & Community Services Budget: Commissioner Jensen indicated that the Playhouse is perceived to be owned by South Valley Civic Theater and that the calendar dates need to be further refined. He also suggested that non-resident fees be studied for possible adjustment. Staff will look into this.

**3. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND ASSIGNMENT OF AREAS OF INTEREST**

**Recommended Action:** Select Chair and Vice-Chair for seating at the June meeting and assign interest areas to Commissioners.

Moved to June meeting.

**4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2004 AND MARCH 16, 2004.**

**Recommended Action:** Approve April meeting minutes.

Approved as presented.

**FUTURE COMMISSION ITEMS**

Sports Complex Sub-Committee Report

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT** Regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on June 15, 2004. Motion by Chair Frederick, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, all approved.